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REMEMBRANCE.

A gallery, silent and barred, hath the heart;
And where is the tongue that shall tell
Of the low-browed door, with its noiseless
bolts,
That closes this citadel?
No, neighbor, counting in life's deep lore!
No, lover and friend and kin!
To my gallery's threshold thou mayest come,
But never one step within.

A thousand portraits, old and new,
Hang high on each convoluted wall.
I know your faces, false friends and true—
Ye are faithfully painted all.
The sun may rise and the sun may set;
Earth's years may fly like a tale;
But there is no canvas to rot with time,
No hue that shall dull and pale.

There are myriad landscapes, whose sunlit
streams
And forests with checkered light
Are the scenes of pleasures forever past,
But plain as I gaze to-night,
There are groups of revellers, mad with
mirth,
Whose voices have long been mute;
There are dancers, timing their flying feet
To the notes of viol and lute.

And many a painting I would fain
Tear down and let its image remain.
Ah! hated or loved, it must ever remain
Where by me alone it was set!
To cut you from my life I long—
To fling over its neighbor a pall.
But, alas! each canvas must feet mine eye
Till the gallery crumble and fall.

At noon or at midnight, and willing or
loath,
No struggle can stay my feet
From hitherward turning, within this room.
These scenes, these faces to greet.
Oh, owner and palatine! whose busy brush
From painting never may cease—
The closer thou hastest thou hourly life,
The greater thy spirit's peace.

—Christian Union.

Her Despised Accomplishment.

Old Mr. Brown stood in his private
office, with his back to the fire and his
coat-tails balanced in either hand.
He was a bald-headed old gentleman
with a ruddy complexion, keen black
eyes and leg of mutton whiskers
which were white as snow. And Miss
Nelly Torrance sat looking at him
timidly from the depth of the big arm
chair in which he had beckoned her to
seat herself.

"So you are my cousin Adrian's
daughter," said he, after a long
pause.

"Yes," said Nelly, wondering what
was in all those mysterious tin boxes,
and whether the monster iron safe
was full of gold and silver pieces.

"And you want something to do?"

"Yes, please!"

"Hump!" said Mr. Brown.

"But," she added, with some spirit,

"I am not asking for charity. I am
willing to work for my bread!"

"You mean that you would like to
daub canvas, or sew yellow sunflowers
on green plush screens," satirically
observed the old gentleman.—"I don't
call that work."

"Nor I either," retorted Nelly.

"Then what do you mean?" said
Mr. Brown.

"I mean that I shall be glad to
undertake any sort of honest work by
means of which I can earn my own
living."

"Hump!" again interjected Mr.
Brown. "Can you cook?"

"Yes," Nelly answered.

"I don't believe it!"

"But I can!"

"Very well," said Mr. Brown, re-
leasing his coat-tails and sitting down
at his desk as if the question were
definitely disposed of. "My cook
went away this morning. I haven't
engaged anyone in her place. You
may come this afternoon and see what
you can do for me."

Mr. Brown fully expected that his
young cousin would recoil indignantly
from this proposal, but she did nothing
of the sort. She simply said,
"Yes, Cousin John," and asked him
for his private address.

"Mind you're punctual, my dear!"
said he, as he handed her the penciled
card.

"I am always punctual," calmly
responded Nelly.

Mr. Brown watched her out of the
office with a quizzical twinkle in his
eye.

"She won't come," he said to him-
self. "I've seen the last of my fine
relation."

And Nelly Torrance went home to
a little second floor room, the cheap-
est which the widow and her daughters
could possibly find.

Mrs. Adrian Torrance was dressed
in black, a fair delicate piece of hu-
man china, who had been like the
lilies of the field, in that she toiled
not, neither did she spin, and Lucetta,
the older daughter, was trying un-
successfully to trim a black crape bonnet
by the window.

They had come up from the country
at Lucetta's suggestion to appeal, in
their poverty, to this rich cousin of the
dead father and husband, but none of
them anticipated any very satisfactory
results from the experiment.

"These rich people are always miser-
ly," said Miss Lucetta.

"And I've understood," said the
gentle little widow, "that he was not
pleased when poor dear Adrian mar-
ried me instead of Miss Goldbags, the
rich paragon's daughter."

"Well!" cried Mrs. Torrance
eagerly, as Nelly entered.

"What does he say?" questioned
Lucetta, dropping the fold of crape
she was vainly endeavoring to fash-

ion into what the fashion-plate called
"an oblong bow."

"I have seen him," said Nelly un-
tying her bonnet strings, "and I'm
going to his house in Grandover Park
this afternoon."

"You don't mean," cried Mrs.
Torrance, with spasmodic catching in
her breath, "that he was going to—
adopt you?"

"Not in the least," said Nelly.

"Now, mamma, darling, don't jump
at conclusions. Just hear my plain,
unvarnished tale. I went to Cousin
John, I told him I wanted something
to do. He asked me if I could cook.

Thanks to that course of lessons I
once took of Signor Silverspoon, I was
able to answer yes. Then he told me
that his cook was gone, and asked me
if I would come to his house this after-
noon and take her place."

"And you—" gasped Mrs. Tor-
rance.

"I said yes, of course."

"Eleanor!" cried Lucetta, "I am
scandalized by your conduct! You will
be ruined by the sort!"

"Certainly not," said Mrs. Tor-
rance, developing strong hysterical
symptoms. If your cousin Brown in-
tended to insult us—

"But he doesn't mean to insult us,"
pleaded Nelly. "He intended the
offer in all good faith, and I accepted
it in the same spirit."

"You surely do not mean to degrade
yourself," cried Lucetta, "by turning
cook—for my own living!"

"I don't see," urged Nelly, "that it
is any more degrading to cook for
Cousin John than it would be to em-
broider slippers for him, or read the
newspaper aloud to him of an even-
ing."

"Eleanor never had any proper
pride," said Mrs. Torrance, wringing
her hands.

"Never!" echoed Lucetta.

"And," added Nelly, "my cousin
would have every right to believe me
an impostor if I told him I wanted
work and then refused the first offer
he made. It will be useless for me
to remonstrate, Lucetta; and I hope
mamma will not place any obstacles
in my way, for I am quite determined
to go to Grandover Park this after-
noon."

And she adhered firmly to her re-
solution.

It was six exactly when Mr. Brown
left himself into his house with his
latchkey which always depended from
his watch chain. The gas jet burned
softly behind the rose colored shade
in the hall, the fire clicked cheerily
in the grate in the parlor beyond.

"Hump!" he muttered. "She
hasn't come. Thought so? There's no
such thing as a practical woman now-
days."

At the same moment a light, white-
aproned little figure came out of the
dining-room beyond, Nelly Torrance's
voice uttered the words:

"Dinner is ready, Cousin John."

The old man smiled. He had a
pleasant expression on his face when
he smiled, and Nelly wondered that
he had not noticed what a handsome
man he was.

"Oh," said he, "you did come,
then?"

"Oh, I always keep my engage-
ments," said Nelly. "Punctuality is
the soul of business, isn't it, Cousin
John? At least that's what I used to
write in my copy-books at school."

Mr. Brown patted her hand as she
helped him off with his overcoat.

"You are a good girl," he said.

And in his secret mind he decided
to put up with any deficiencies in the
cooking of a girl who had such ex-
cellent business principles.

But to his infinite amazement there
were no deficiencies to overlook. The
soup was on the table, as clear as
water, flavored like a dream of Boyer's
own!

The first course was baked trout,
the second a pigeon on toast. A small
and compact roast of beef ribs was
flanked by a dainty gilet-pie, and the
dessert was fruit, peach tarts and Bavarian
cream.

Mr. Brown ate and relished and
wondered by turns.

"My dear," said he at last, when
the cloth was removed, "all is very
nice, I'll concede that, you are a tip-
top housekeeper. But, of course, you
ordered all this from Monerato's res-
taurant?"

"But, of course, I didn't Cousin
John," said Nelly, decidedly. "I
cooked it all myself!"

"What, that soup?"

"Yes, that soup."

"Did you prepare that trout sauce
and broil that pigeon?"

"Yes, Cousin Brown."

"And that gilet pie, what do
you say?"

"Yes, and the gilet pie! Don't
look so astonished, Cousin Brown,"
she added, laughing. "I may as well
confess that I took a course of cook-
ing lessons last summer. And I like
it of all things, especially in a
household like this, where one can
command the very best material."

Mr. Brown closed his eyes and
made a hasty calculation. His life
had been "worried out of him," to use
a mediocre expression, by capricious
housekeepers, inefficient cooks and un-
trained servants. At last here was a
gateway out of all his tribulations!

"My dear," he said, "I should like
to have you come here and live."

"As cook, Cousin Brown?"

"No, as my adopted daughter and
housekeeper. I need some one to
take the helm of my affairs. By Ju-
piter!" he added, as he recollected the
flavor of the gilet pie, "I have not
eaten such a dinner in ten years."

"But my mother," hesitated Eleon-
or, "and my sister Lucetta."

"Let them come, too," said Mr.
Brown. "Bless your heart, my dear,
there's plenty of room in the house.
Can they cook, too?"

"No, Cousin Brown," confessed
Nelly.

"Well, perhaps it's just as well,"
said Mr. Brown. "There cannot be
more than one head to a household.
I hope you have preserved the receipt
of that gilet pie, my dear. It is
really something extraordinary."

So the Torrance family found a
comfortable refuge for the soles of their
feet, and Nelly's despised accom-
plishment proved the sword which
she opened the world's eyes.

And Lucetta sighed and wondered
why she, too, had not taken lessons.

"Nelly is the old man's first favor-
ite," she said. "He'll leave her his
money when he dies. And because
she accepted his ridiculous offer of
turning cook for a living."

Mr. Brown, however, looked at
this matter in a different light.

"Nelly is a trump," he said. "Nelly
is not like the typical young lady,
who is too lazy to work, and too proud
to beg. She is one who ennobles the
humblest task, and does with all her
might whatever her hands find to do."

So the old proverb came true!
"Heaven helps those who help them-
selves."

Barley.

The papers are saying that one of
our largest brewers is willing to con-
tract for one hundred and fifty thou-
sand bushels of barley at the price
prevailing to-day, and are advising
the planting of this excellent grain.

We do not vouch for the truth of
the statement; but do concur in the
advice to sow more barley and less
wheat. Not that we think on every
farm barley would be the more profit-
able, but that it will be a change
and a partial rest to the ground. To
grow barley successfully, a farmer
must have a soil adapted to this grain.
On our hard, dry adobe soils, barley
is not the crop to plant; but on the
moister, sandy, loamy bottoms, it
flourishes and yields abundantly. In
the San Luis valley, barley can be
raised easily, and the yield is wonder-
ful. If the land that can now be ir-
rigated in this valley could this year
be planted to barley, we have not a
doubt but five million bushels could
be harvested; and the time is not far
distant when this valley will raise
ten times the quantity of this valuable
grain that will be needed in this State
for malt, and St. Louis will draw from
there a portion of the grain that also
now gets in California, to make
therefrom the famous beer of that
city.

Barley is not alone good to make
beer from, but is as good a feed for
hogs, horses and cows as is corn. On
some of our farms more barley can be
raised per acre than corn, and the
price is much better. Barley straw
is as good for fodder as most of our
native hay. We advise planting more
barley, whether brewers want it or
not.—Colorado Farmer.

Lacking in Disposition.

Two tramps, one of them a young
man, the other well advanced in life,
had just left a house where they had
been supplied with a bountiful dinner.

"I say, Bill," queried the younger
of the two, "where do you s'pose we'll
get our supper?" The old tramp turned
on him in disgust.

"Here you've just had your dinner,"
he said, "and you begin to wonder
where you'll get your supper. If
that's the kind of disposition you've
got, young fellow, you had better quit
the profession and go to work!"

—Life.

Heard it Before.

Deacon Buehag had been invited to
address the Sunday school, and as he
was a poor talker, plunged at once
into the story of Jonah and the whale.

"Now, dear children," he concluded,
"is not that a nice story?"

"Yessir," replied one of the small-
est of the dear children, "it's a nice
story, but it's a chestnut."—New York
Times.

At a recent convention of physicians
it was proven by analysis that Red
Star Cough Cure contained no danger-
ous narcotics. The test was so con-
vincing that the most sceptical were
satisfied, and physicians everywhere
now recommend the remedy. Only
25 cents.

THE FORSAKEN FARMHOUSE.

Against the wooded hill it stands;
Ghost of a dead home, staring through
its broken lights on wasted lands,
Where old-time harvests grow.

Unploughed, unown'd, by scythe and shorn,
The poor forsaken farm-field lies,
Once rich and rife with golden corn,
And pale green breaths of rye.

Of healthful herb and flower bereft,
The garden plot no housewife keeps;
Through weeds and tangle only left
The snake, its tenant, creeps.

A lilac spray, once blossom clad,
Sways bare before the empty rooms;
Beside the roofless porch a sad,
Pathetic red rose blooms.

His track, in mould and dust of drouth,
On floor and hearth the squirrel leaves,
And in the fireless chimney's mouth
His web the spider weaves.

The leaning barn about to fall
Resounds no more on harking eves;
No thrasher beats his sheaves.

So sad, so drear! It seems almost
Some ghost makes its sign;
That down its shadowy lane some ghost
Might drive his spectral kine!

—John Greenleaf Whittier, in the February
Atlantic.

CAPE BRETON MARRIAGE.

Courtship is by no means a neces-
sary preliminary to marriage. To be-
gin at the beginning: When a young
man decides that he will marry, he
often first builds a house; and it is no
trivial matter here, where most of the
lumber is sawn by hand in a pit. A
man may be said to be in earnest
when he begins his suit with months
of such hard labor—and that, too,
from a disinterested motive, not hav-
ing the faintest idea, perhaps, as to
who will be the mistress of the house.

We saw a number of such expectant
buildings, in all states and of many
ages; for some, failing to get at ten-
ant, stood without windows or empty
heart. John—, a young man duly
prepared and determined to marry,
had set out the previous week with
his spokesman to get a wife. He had
no particular preference for any one,
but they decided to go first to the
house of Mary—, one of the bright-
est girls of the parish, whom he had
often noted, but with whom he had
never spoken. When they entered the
house, a hint of their object was given
to Mary, and she retired from the sit-
ting-room. The spokesman then de-
livered his speech, in which he praised
the personal qualities, the fortune, the
social position, of his friend, and ask-
ed the hand of Mary for him. As the
father had no objection to the offer,
he at once consented to leave the mat-
ter to his daughter. She was called in,
and the spokesman conferred quietly
a while with her in a corner, and she
consented to the marriage. The speak-
er then led her out to the middle of the
floor, and John came from his corner
and took her by the hand; thus the
"contract" was accepted, under the
penalty of forfeiting twenty dollars in
case the engagement was broken. The
evening was spent in dancing; but if any
of the deacons had had wind of the affair,
it is probable that they would have
come and changed the festivity into a
prayer-meeting.

The young man afterward engaged
the priest to publish the banns for the
first and last time on the following
Sabbath. But Mary had her own plans
in all this: she knew that the affair
would reach the ears of Sandy—
for whom she had a strong preference,
and perhaps bring him promptly to a
proposal. Sandy did come, and the
upshot of it was that he and his father
went late on Saturday night, roused
the priest, and had Sandy's name
substituted in the banns for that of
applicant number one.

This new shuffling of the cards was
common enough, so that it caused but
a passing smile among the friends of
the parties most interested. But a
certain young man who heard the
banns went home in such depression
that he asked his father for ten dol-
lars. When questioned he explained
that the girl whom he had always in-
tended to marry was to become the
bride of Sandy—, and he was go-
ing away to the States. "Well, and
why don't you carry her off and marry
her yourself, Malcolm? I'll give you
the upper hand this minute. Go, get
your brother, see the girl, and bring
her home here. We'll keep her safe."

Now it happened that Malcolm was
the richest of the three applicants, be-
sides being, I will suppose for charity
sake, a good fellow. Suffice it to say
that they brought the girl home bag
and baggage, by stealth, that Sunday
night, and mounted a guard that pre-
vented the success of any stratagem
on either her part or the part of
others, and they were married on the
following Tuesday.

These persons were by no means
of the lower ranks: the girl was describ-
ed to me by an old fisherman as a
"noble-minded looking" girl, a fine
specimen of the Highland craft. A
man is all the more highly esteem-
ed for such a feat. The rejected fellow
does not lose heart; he generally keeps
on with his negotiations, day after
day, house after house, until he finds
a partner. An intelligent woman,
while admitting the general predom-

inance of worldly interests in these
matters, and the suddenness with which
marriages were very often made, said
that unhappy families are nevertheless
rare among this people.

The domestic life of the couple even
to-day in most of the peasants' homes
will be exceedingly primitive; the wo-
man will do the spinning, weaving and
knitting required by the family; and
the man will make nearly every thing
needed in the house and on the farm.

A farm and a family will require
about two hundred dollars worth of
feed, food and sundries, and this
amount represents the average pro-
duction of the little farms of Cape
Breton, together with the fishing that
many do at odd times. In the spring
actual work is sometimes felt by many
families until fishing begins and the
cows give milk once more. But the
island is generally free from paupers.

—O. H. Farnham, in Harper's Maga-
zine for March.

Where Big Guns are Made.

The immense Krupp works at Essen
are rigorously closed against visitors,
the outside world has therefore been
unable to learn much of the renowned
establishment where the most terrific
engines of warfare are made for Ger-
many and her friends. At last a de-
termined Yankee has penetrated into
this mysterious realm of the modern
Vulcan, with full privileges of confid-
ing his discoveries to the rest of man-
kind, and the result is a deeply inter-
esting article in the March Harper's,
called "An Iron City beside the
Ruhr," by Moncure D. Conway, with
an abundance of illustrations.

...which that implanted this quality in the human mind.

To this spirit of research and inquiry we owe every improvement, every invention, every forward step in the material progress of our race. But we said, and truly, that man is a "Big Interrogation Point." The remark will admit of a qualification, paradoxical it may seem, but true all the same. The majority of mankind are great "Interrogation Points" in little things, very small interrogations in big things. Many are prone to inquire into little petty dreadful matters, into the innermost thoughts and privacies of their neighbors; to acquire and retail with interest all the gossip and scandal and rottenness of the community; to know the "Why?" of all the devious ways and crooked doings of their fellows; to besmirch fair virtue and true piety with all the sneaking, the low, the underhanded, the vile interrogations and insinuations of "Why?" and these speak more than volumes of words of their despicable characters, and the depths to which this grand quality may be brought. That is one class of investigators, and they are aggressive only in the sense that with their methods of investigation they would tear down and demolish every finished or nearly perfect structure and make it conform to their own standard. Then there have a companion class in another division of humanity, but this class stands on a much higher plane, and these may simply be termed Interrogators. The first are the firey, the vicious, the untamed and untamable zebra, striped all over with their own conceit and fault finding disposition. They are known of all men, and get proper credit for the exact disposition they possess and nothing more. Their "Whys?" and investigations are for no good purpose and destruction and chaos their second nature. But the Interrogator, if not usually given credit for more fire and animation, and even if he is frequently spoken of in connection with that quadruped who sports long ears and a peculiarly sonorous voice, is at least respected for his staying qualities; and the sincerity of his "Why?" is not for a moment doubted. It is his work to put on the brakes, to hold in check the firey and vicious untamed, and he may also be of benefit in restraining the mettlesome steed of true progressive investigation and research, which thus steadiest shall bear the world on to greater and better things.

Who has words to express the admiration of mankind for the men who have successfully investigated the great "Whys?" of life, and who have wrestled with and conquered its vexatious problems.

It would, no doubt, be profitable for all of us to ask in which of these three categories we stand, and the probable influence upon the development of our State or community our position may have. It does not require much research to find out our position, nor need we long question in what category we ought to place ourselves. Let us all go about with useful intelligent inquiries upon our lips, always upon the side of advancement and progress, ever ready to accept new things, proved good, and not afraid to discard the old, no matter how old or how cherished, when common sense and reason so dictate.

The "Whys?" of life are many and a solution of any of them profitable, for the field is unlimited and open to all in honest search for information. Let us all put on our thinking caps and endeavor to add something to the world's stock of knowledge; so that when we hence the survivors will not ask "Why?" he here?"

The Garland Case.

There have been but few assaults upon a public officer so unwarranted as far as we can see as that upon Attorney General Garland, based upon the Pan-Electric Telephone Company stock he has been so unfortunate as to own. Mr. Garland has been exhibited before the country in a way to lead people to suspect that he is not an honorable man or upright official. No one of his assailants would say so expressly, yet, that is suggested by the attacks made upon him. But the fact is there is no person in the Federal service possessing higher or purer character than Mr. Garland; or high and pure character more deservedly gained and held, both as a citizen and officer, than he. Until this telephone scandal was started, there never was even a passing breath of suggestion against his good name, and the simple, incontrovertible facts in this case are these: About three years ago, and certainly one year before he became Attorney General, or could have thought of becoming such, was one of the incorporators of a new telephone company called the Pan-Electric, under what is known as the "Eggers" instrument of device. In this company he became a shareholder, entitled to stock, as thousands of others do in kindred enterprises. His stock was not a gift. Long afterwards he became Attorney General of the United States, and since then that company has applied to the Department of Justice to have the United States bring suit against the Bell Telephone Company upon a charge of fraud in the issue of the Bell patent. This application was turned over to the consideration of Solicitor General John Goode, the proper law officer in such case, since, which time the case has been with him and Secretary of the Interior Lamar, Mr. Garland having nothing to do with it. The Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Lamar, as honorable and pure a man and officer as the Federal Government has in its service, after hearing the testimony in support of the charge of fraud in the issue of the Bell patent, considered that it is the duty of the United States to bring suit upon the *prima facie* case made out, and preparation is going on for that suit. These are the naked facts.

The single point at which the great grievance in the case touches the Attorney General is that a petition had come into

the department of which Mr. Garland is the head, from a company of which he became a shareholder long before he became Attorney General; and to that petition he has never taken any action or exerted any influence, directly or indirectly. The law officer who has acted upon it is not in Mr. Garland's power in any way. The only other official course Mr. Garland could have pursued (if he had interposed at all) would have been to refuse the petition; and that would have been to withhold—simply because he was a stockholder—the direct and most effective means of righting what is charged to be a great public wrong. There would have been neither reason nor justice in that; and as we regard the matter there can be neither reason nor justice in the continuance of the attacks upon Mr. Garland. He has borne them with a patience, forbearance and dignity that we must will continue to the end. He stands upon his well earned reputation as man, citizen and public officer, and he is right. If character is not worth that, it is not the precious thing men are taught to believe it is—Lester.

Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23, 1886.—The Administration agreed to furnish the Senate all the reasons for removals except those of a confidential nature. The Republican leaders then demanded that the confidential reasons be submitted to them also, in order that the Senate might decide if they were really confidential, and the direct issue was thereby raised.

It cannot be known what action will be taken by the Administration in regard to this matter until the question is officially brought to the notice of the Executive. Democratic Senators do not consider any further caucusing on the so-called Edmunds rebellion necessary on their part. They have taken their stand with the President, since they believe he is right, and they intend to sustain him.

A caucus is in contemplation, however for the purpose of appointing the usual campaign committee to manage the Congressional campaign. It will be held in a few days, and the Edmunds caucus may be brought up, but the demonstration will be held without reference to the issue.

The issue will provoke a hot political discussion in the Senate, which is expected to begin next Monday. It will probably continue for some days as Senators of both parties are hunting up precedents and preparing speeches on the question. There are a number of Republican Senators who are opposed to this farcical fight, although they feel bound by political duty to abide by their caucus decision in condemning the Administration's determination to maintain the Executive prerogative. One of their non-sympathizers, Senator Van Wyck, of Nebraska, stigmatizes the Edmunds attack as a "hunt for ghosts' wood."

Senators Hugh, of Alabama, Jackson of Tennessee, and Kenna, of West Virginia, are among the Democratic Senators who are equipped and anxious for the battle to begin. They say they will be abundantly fortified with precedents to set-off those given by the Republicans. A Democratic Senator has in his possession the copy of a letter written by Sherman, when Secretary of the Treasury, declining to furnish Conkling, then a Senator, with reasons for the suspension of Chester A. Arthur, as Collector of the Port of New York. There are many indications that the coming controversy will be bitter and the debate exciting.

And what will it amount to? At the worst it can only stop the President from filling offices whose incumbents may see fit to suspend, leaving those offices as they are until the end of their regular terms. And at that point even the obstructive power of the Senate must and the Republican majority undertake the desperate effort of refusing to confirm the President's nominees because they are Democrats. In either event the Republican Senators will lose the fight. Yesterday being Washington's birthday Congress took holiday as well as Government clerks. It is at work again to-day, and the Blair Educational bill is before the Senate. Some very able arguments have been made for and against the measure. Though a stronger opposition has been manifested against it this session than last, no doubt is expressed that it will pass the Senate either by its friends or enemies. It is estimated that at least ten Southern Senators will vote against it as being unconstitutional and impolitic, although under the provisions of the bill, their section would share more largely in its benefits than the North. All the Democrats of the House and sixteen Republicans members voted for the Fitz John Porter relief bill. The passage of the bill was foregone conclusion, under what is known as the "Eggers" instrument of device. In this company he became a shareholder, entitled to stock, as thousands of others do in kindred enterprises. His stock was not a gift. Long afterwards he became Attorney General of the United States, and since then that company has applied to the Department of Justice to have the United States bring suit against the Bell Telephone Company upon a charge of fraud in the issue of the Bell patent. This application was turned over to the consideration of Solicitor General John Goode, the proper law officer in such case, since, which time the case has been with him and Secretary of the Interior Lamar, Mr. Garland having nothing to do with it. The Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Lamar, as honorable and pure a man and officer as the Federal Government has in its service, after hearing the testimony in support of the charge of fraud in the issue of the Bell patent, considered that it is the duty of the United States to bring suit upon the *prima facie* case made out, and preparation is going on for that suit. These are the naked facts.

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to the State legislature, granting women the citizen's right to vote.

IT WOULD be an application of the "protection" principle, in one list of its forms, to put timber on the fire list in order to arrest the swift destruction of our American forests.

Mr. TALMAGE says that the most disgusting thing on earth is a woman who never combs her hair. This proves that Mr. Talmage has an occasional thought worthy of being fully considered.

THERE was a large attendance at the funeral of John B. Gough which took place at Worcester, Mass., on Wednesday. The Rev. D. O. Meers, D. D. of Piedmont church, Worcester, and the Rev. W. M. Taylor, D. D. of New York, eulogized the character, work and abilities of the deceased.

THE Newark Ledger says: The steady increase of students at the Academy in this town gives substantial evidences of the good workings of the institution under the able management of Dr. A. N. Raub. The different departments are presided over by thoroughly practical and able instructors. We sincerely trust the efforts of Dr. Raub to provide just such a place of learning will be rewarded by a success which he so richly deserves.

MISS CLEVELAND has adopted for use in her correspondence a crest which is a copy of the new seal recently provided for the President and shows the bald-headed eagle, not with wings outstretched as formerly, but with his wings tucked in at rest; upon the breast of the eagle rests the familiar shield, with its thirteen stripes and thirteen stars. The crest is printed in dead gold and below it appears the words, "The President's House."

How Fancy Crackers are Made.

A VISIT TO THE BAKERY OF HOLMES AND COUTTS, NEW YORK.

Not long since the writer had an opportunity of visiting the immense factory of the firm, occupying two six-story buildings situate Nos. 341 to 347 Washington street, and Nos. 185 to 203 Franklin street, fronting 400 feet on each street. On the first floor of the Washington street buildings are a number of machines for mixing and treating the various kinds of dough in the most expeditious and thorough manner, also six automatic cutting machines for rolling and cutting the dough, the capacity of which are 136 barrels a day. On the floor above, the setting of sponges and mixing of the dough is done, and this department, one of the most important of all, is in the hands of skilled and experienced men. The whole of the next floor is used for the packing of goods in boxes for shipping.

On the top floor the sweetmeats are made, and of these the firm use none but what they preserve themselves. But after all, the most remarkable feature of the factory is the ovens, of which there are six, each of which extends from the basement to the top floor. These consist of huge wheels of iron, on which are hung swinging shelves; these revolve over the fire, and the next slowly far enough to bring the next shelf to the door, these are being cooked.

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